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ADDRESS: 523 East Third Street

OWNER: William B. and Anna Varney. To be sold to the
Community Redevelopment Agency and DEMOLISHED

USE: Apartment and Rooming House.

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Bunker Hill District was developed during the first waves of real-estate speculation and boom that came with the extension of Southern Pacific Railroad to Los Angeles in 1876, and the construction of the Santa Fe Railroad, completed in 1886; and came to an abrupt recession with the bursting of the bubble in 1888.

Large mansions of the wealthy, designed in the flamboyant styles that were the fashion of the time, were constructed on Bunker Hill, giving way in the 90's to homes for the professional class, and finally, after 1900, to residential hotels and apartment buildings. The mansions have disappeared and the few examples of the eclectic residential architecture remaining at this writing are of modest proportions. They are doomed for demolition with the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Built in 1893, attributed as the residence of Judge Beebe by local residents. See CAL-344 for more complete Historical and Architectural information regarding Bunker Hill District.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A two-story wood frame residence of 11 rooms, 2 baths, 1 reception hall, with a total area of 1999 square feet plus a 5' x 15' wood and glass enclosed porch; now converted to a two-unit apartment and three-unit rooming house.

Exterior is typical clapboard siding, wood framed walls on brick foundation; pitched composition shingled roof and gables.

Interior has hardwood and pine floors, wood doors and trim; wood lath and plaster walls and ceilings. Basement - 14' x 16' store room with wood frame and brick walls and concrete floor.

Overall Dimensions: 28' x 42', approximately.

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